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## ➤BOOK NOTICES.◀

### ORIENT.\*

In the first of a series of five lectures published in this book, Dr. Cook discusses Palestine, Egypt and the future of Islam. The lectures contain some most admirable word-painting. "God in history in Palestine," "Palestine a bridge between Egypt and Assyria," "Possible future of Syria," "The future of Mohammedanism" are a few of the points taken up. Other lectures follow on "Advanced thought in India," "Keshub Chunder Sen and Hindu theism," "Woman's work for women in India," "Japan, the self-reformed Hermit nation," "Australia, the Pacific Ocean, and International Reform."

### CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THEOLOGY.†

Of this volume, sixty-eight pages are given to the Old Testament, forty-five pages to the New Testament, eighty-six pages to Historic Theology, sixty-three pages to Systematic Theology, fifty-four pages to Practical Theology. It is in the first department that we are particularly interested.

The first chapter treats of "Semitic Studies" in general, in which reference is made to the development of this work in America. The second treats of "Old Testament Introduction," in which a brief survey of Wellhausen's theory of the Pentateuch is presented, together with notices of recent books by Green, Bissell and Vos, in support of the Mosaic authorship, and of recent works by conservative German scholars. The leading German scholars are classified as follows: (1) Supporters of the post-exilic codification of the Priest's Code (the Wellhausen or Grafian hypothesis) are Budde, of Bonn; Stade, of Giessen; Duhm and H. Schultz, of Göttingen; Giesebrecht, of Greifswald; Kneucker, of Heidelberg; Siegfried, of Jena; Delitzsch, Guthe and König, of Leipzig; Cornill, of Marburg; Kayser (d. 1885), Nowack and Reuss, of Strassburg; Kautzsch, of Tübingen; Smend, of Basel; Vuilleumeir, of Lausanne; Steiner, of Zürich. (2) Supporters of the Priest's Code as an older document are: Dillmann and Strack, of Berlin; Köhler, of Erlangen; Bredenkamp, of Greifswald; Klostermann (?), of Kiel; Mühlau and Volk, of Dorpat. (3) Critics who mediate between the two schools are: Kamphausen, of Bonn; Ryssel (?), of Leipzig; Baudissin, of Marburg. Only *one* Old Testament professor in Germany, Bachmann, defends the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch. But, as Prof. Curtiss remarks, "this is not a question to be settled by votes." The third chapter is given to "Hermeneutics," and the fourth to "Old Testament Theology," in which general

\* ORIENT. With Preludes on Current Events. By Joseph Cook. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 8vo, pp. 340. Price, \$1.50.

† CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THEOLOGY. By Professors of Chicago Theological Seminary. Vol. IV. Pp. 336. Chicago: Fleming H. Revell. Price, \$1.50.